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Aglands Foundation announces results of Public Round 13

On May 14, the Delaware Agricultural Lands Preservation Foundation met to finalize the selections for Round 13 of the farmland preservation program. Twenty out of 114 farms that made offers to preserve their land were selected. This round will permanently preserve 3,024.34 acres of farmland at a cost of \$12,919,260.88. Once the selections go to settlement, this round will bring Delaware's total number of acres preserved by Delaware's agricultural lands preservation program to 88,064 acres.

Preservation funding for Round 13 came from the State, the Federal Government, and Kent County. Landowners agreed to discounts that averaged 66%, which brought their in-kind contribution to \$24,594,007. The State matched Kent County's contributions, dollar for dollar, and with some federal funding. When counties provide matching funds, they are given the opportunity to go over the appraised list and prioritize the properties to which their funding will be applied. This was only part of the selection process. Following the county recommendation, the Agricultural Lands Preservation Foundation must review the recommendation and endorse it. On May 14, the Foundation endorsed Kent County's selections as seen in the attached list of selected properties.

The nationally acclaimed Delaware Agricultural Lands Preservation Program was formed with the adoption of House Bill 200 in July, 1991. Thanks to Governor Minner and the Delaware General Assembly the Program received a real boost in 2005 when they established a permanent funding source for Farmland Preservation - \$10 million per year. The program also receives matching funds from the federal government and the Counties.

Michael Scuse, Delaware Secretary of Agriculture said, "I want to thank the Agricultural Lands Preservation Foundation trustees and Kent County for their continued commitment to preserving our irreplaceable farmland. When we protect our farmland, we protect Delaware's economy because agriculture is our number one industry, a more than billion dollar industry. More than 18,000 people work in Delaware's agriculture, food and related industries. Preserving farmland insures that related agricultural industries continue to prosper and generate jobs and revenue for our state. Our quality of life is sustained and improved when we preserve our agricultural lands. Not only do farms provide us with food and scenery, but the woodlands shelter animals and plants and clean the air we breathe."

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Itemized list of selections follows.

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Round 13 Selections

| | Landowners' Names | Project ID# | Acres | Amount of Easement Purchase |
|----|---|---------------|--------|-----------------------------|
| 1 | Alexander, Rodney & Alicia ¹ | K-07-07-126G | 151.71 | \$304,389.68 |
| 2 | Bilbrough, Ronald & June ¹ | K-06-07-026I | 70.94 | \$203,614.78 |
| 3 | Broad Acres, Inc. ¹ | K-96-11-133-5 | 213.79 | \$959,913.90 |
| 4 | Clark, Donald ¹ | K-98-05-007G | 69.01 | \$487,036.40 |
| 5 | Elliott, David ¹ | S-00-05-016H | 121.38 | \$413,169.60 |
| 6 | Elliott, David ¹ | S-00-05-016G | 88.69 | \$548,603.84 |
| 7 | Graham, Ethel ¹ | S-97-05-045A | 133.93 | \$1,793,658.65 |
| 8 | J. Carlton Wells & Sons, Inc. ² | K-05-04-243 | 264.60 | \$461,427.77 |
| 9 | Loblolly, Inc. ¹ | K-96-04-081-3 | 207.72 | \$1,314,012.00 |
| 10 | Loblolly, LLC ¹ | S-96-03-063-2 | 133.00 | \$1,405,267.50 |
| 11 | Masten Partners, LP ¹ | K-04-08-238 | 216.86 | \$655,594.85 |
| 12 | Masten Partners, LP ¹ | K-04-08-238 | 338.06 | \$1,405,141.62 |
| 13 | Masten, Robert ¹ | K-92-09-001 | 309.00 | \$827,270.46 |
| 14 | Newberg, Kenny ² | K-06-11-179B | 25.04 | \$176,240.88 |
| 15 | Peet, Pamela ¹ | K-05-11-054K | 120.62 | \$474,444.16 |
| 16 | Rexrode, Julian & Stella ² | K-06-04-041J | 12.33 | \$13,225.94 |
| 17 | Rexrode, Julian & Stella ² | K-06-04-041G | 58.47 | \$144,440.21 |
| 18 | Vogl, Ernest J. Jr. & Cathy L. ² | K-06-07-041 | 147.20 | \$144,227.77 |
| 19 | Warren, Jimmy D. & Caryl A. ² | K-06-09-082F | 152.53 | \$288,054.42 |
| 20 | Zimmerman, Elizabeth ¹ | K-96-11-133-1 | 189.46 | \$899,526.25 |

¹ Selected by Aglands Foundation

² Selected by Kent County Levy Court (With State and Federal Matching Funds)

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| Totals | | 3,024.34 | \$12,919,260.68 |
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| Funds Allocated to State and Counties | |
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| State Funds | \$ 9,505,010.02 |
| Kent County Funds | \$ 409,205.66 |
| Federal Funds | \$ 3,005,045.00 |

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| Total Allocations | \$12,919,260.68 |
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| Average Discount |
| 66% |

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| Average Per Acres Cost |
| \$4,271.76 |